

STERMING BLOCK
Common Name: Belmont Hotel and Saloon
925 Water Street

Date of Construction: 1889
Architects: Whiteway & Schroeder
Construction Costs: \$12,000

1889: Built to house the popular Belmont Restaurant and Saloon owned by long-time saloonkeeper George J. Sterming. The upstairs held a variety of offices and businesses. Popular architects of the day, Whiteway & Schroeder, had offices upstairs

1892: Sterming died but the Belmont Saloon continued until Prohibition, operated by John Siebenbaum and Joseph Gichard and later by Gichard alone.

Long time businesses operating in the building were N.A. Klassell real estate and insurance, Emil Klinger's shoe store and Sofie Brothers confectionery and tobacco shop.

1979: Street level became *The Lido* restaurant and the upstairs was converted to an inn about 1985.

1992: Once again it became *The Belmont* when the previous restaurant sold.

2007: The Belmont Restaurant is still operating in this historic building.